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MEMORANDUM FOR: John Helgerson
FROM: Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT: DCI Tasking

The Director has asked that we undertake two studies on an urgent basis both on their own merits and as part of preparation for his hearings next week.

- First, he would like us to do an assessment of the activities of the Contras [redacted] and their plans and prospects. This would presumably follow on to the studies done under NIO auspices in June and December of last year (if I have my dates correct). We are doing this as a DI assessment (typescript) rather than an estimate [redacted]

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[redacted] was present when the Director made this tasking and will cooperate fully. We need at least a good strong draft by COB Tuesday or early Wednesday.

- Second, the Director would like a compilation of reports about atrocities committed by both the Contras and the Sandinistas since January 1983. This should be a chronological listing of those reports that we believe have credibility (as opposed to the propaganda both sides have put out) with a two or three sentence precis of the content of each report. It should be done in two sections, one on each side. Then, I suggest not more than a page or a page and a half of general observations on atrocities on both sides to cover the package, but the heart of it will be the chronological listing. This also should be done by COB Tuesday or early Wednesday.

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Robert M. Gates

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